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SUBJ: FIRST CALL OF SS LNG QUARIUS AT OSAKA

1. SS LNG AQUARIUS ARRIVED OSAKA AUGUST 14 TO DELIVER FIRST
LOAD OF INDONESIAN LNG. CONGEN OFFICERS VISITED SHIP AUGUST
16 AT OSAKA GAS COMPANY TERMINAL SOUTH OF SAKAI. SHIP WAS STILL
ENGAGED IN TIME CONSUMING PROCESS OF COOLING DOWN SHORE TERNINAL
FACILITIES BUT EXPECTED TO COMPLETE UNLOADING AND SAIL PROBABLY
AUGUST 20. OSAKA GAS COMPANY EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED
SATISFACTION AT SMOOTHENESS OF OPERATION SINCE AQUARIUS ARRIVED
INDONESIA FOR LOADING, AND SAID JAPANESE GAS PURCHASERS ARE
EAGER TO SEE ADDITIONAL SHIPS COME INTO SERVICE, (ASSUME JAPANESE
PURCHASERS AWARE OF GENERAL DYNAMIC STRIKE; NO ONE MENTIONED
IT IN THIS CONTEXT.) CAPTAIN AQUARIUS SAID SHIP HAD PERFORMED
COMPLETELY SATISFACTORILY ON TRIP FROM INDONESIA. SOME WORK
BEING DONE AT OSAKA TO CORRECT PROBLEMS, DESCRIBED AS MINOR,
IN SHIP'S ELECTRIC AND ELECTRONIC GEAR.

2. SINCE ALL CREW CHANGES OF LNG SHIPS ARE PLANNED TO BE
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ACCOMPLISHED IN JAPAN, AND THREE OF FOUR TERMINAL PORTS (OSAKA,
NAGOYA AND HIMEIJI) ARE IN OSAKA-KOBE CONSULAR DISTRICT,
WE HAVE DISCUSSED ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONSULAR SERVICES WITH MASTER
AND AGENTS. UNDER CURRENT SAFETY REFULATIONS, MASTER MUST BE
ABOARD SHIP AT ALL TIMES WHEN CARGO BEING UNLOADED. FUTURE CALLS
AT OSAKA, AND AT OTHER JAPAN PORTS ONCE SHORE TERNINAL FACILITIES
ARE COOLED, EXPECTED TO BE ONLY 12 OR 24 HRS. WE THEREFORE PLAN

TO HAVE CONSULAR OFFICER VISIT SHIP IF THERE IS REQUIREMENT
FOR SERVICE WHICH MUST BE DONE IN PRESENCE OF CONSULAR OFFICER.
FOURTH JAPAN TERNINAL PORT WILL BE TOBATA IN FUKUOKA DISTRICT.
WE HAVE EXLAINED TIGHT STAFFING SITUATION OF THAT POST TO LNG
SHIP AGENTS AND UNDERSTAND THEY WILL TRY TO HAVE CONSULAR SERVICES
PERFORMED DURING OSAKA CALLS, AND INFORM FUKUOKA BEFORE AND
OF ANY UNUSUAL SITUATIONS REQUIRING SERVICES FROM THAT POST.

3. ARRIVAL OF AQUARAIUS RECEIVED FAVORABLE PRESS COVERAGE
AND TOP OFFICIALS OF OSAKA GAS COMPANY HAVE VISITED SHIP.
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